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9 March 1943

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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty-four of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED] FOIA b3a. [REDACTED] FOIA b3a did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] FOIA b3a inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

9 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) According to a message to the Transport Division of the NKVD, a new bridge over the Volga at Astrakhan has been put into operation. There is a disagreement on the use of the bridge between the Ordzhonikidze and Ryazan-Ural Railroads. For this reason, there are 500 cars on the right bank and 37 trains which have been on the left bank for a longer period unable to cross the bridge.

(2) The reconstruction of Stalingrad harbor is being carried out zealously. On expenditures the NKRF in Ilijsk reports 96000 rubles in cash and obligations.

(3) For exceeding the planned output with regard to wood cutting, Omsk received a bonus of 25000 rubles; for exceeding plans in the overhauling of agricultural equipment, the Irtysh Steamship Agency received a bonus of 45000 rubles.

(4) According to a report of the Civil Air Fleet, the chief of the airport in Sverdlovsk is Tsejtin.

Food Supply

(5) Tiflis requests the release of at least 500 tons of confiscated meat and reports that of the allocation for the first quarter there was received by 1 March:

Meat	22.3 tons
Fish	29
Butter	1.1
Vegetable fat	0.4
Confectionery	14.8
Salt	9.
Eggs	19 cases
Sugar	not received
Tea	not received

There was prepared for shipment:

Potatoes	7612 tons
Dried potatoes	34
Sauerkraut	456

From 1 January until 1 March there was prepared for shipment:

Honey	0.151 ton
Wax	0.331

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(6) Since no sugar was received in the first quarter, the sugar mills stopped and could not deliver in March the scheduled 200 tons of sugar products.

(7) In January the Directorate for Food Supply in Moscow received:

24000 liters	Alcohol
5974	Vodka
2470	Wine

There were no shipments in February.

(8) The Georgian Peoples' Commissariat for Trade distributed 10 tons of tea in the first quarter.

(9) For the first quarter 33000 liters of alcohol were delivered to the Armenian Peoples' Commissariat for the Food Industry.

(10) One carload of tobacco was shipped to Nalchik. Two carloads of tobacco were delivered to Stalinabad Special Trade.

(11) Stavropol will deliver 200 head of cattle to the meat trust for processing.

(12) Eight tons of white salmon were shipped from Astrakhan to Kolomenskoe on 1 March. In addition 13 tons of roach and 17 tons of herring are prepared.

(13) Kujbyshev must ship 44.6 tons of cut beans to Vladimirovka and 50 tons to Astrakhan and Kamyshin.

(14) For the workers occupied with ice-breaking, additional supplies must be distributed in Gorkij:

Bread	400 grams
Meat	100
Fish	20
Groats	40
Vodka	200

Production

(15) In the first quarter of 1943 NKRF-Kujbyshev must build two tugs of 400 h. p.

(16) NKRF-Vladimirovka reports, that the tugboats 730 and 243 need a general overhauling. It can not be carried out because of the lack of wood. The estimated cost for the overhauling amounts to over 190000 rubles. On 1 March 3 boats will be finished. Because of the lack of wood, no more boats can be built.

(17) NKRF-Chistopol must repair the dock equipment of the yard in Krasnoarmejsk by

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the beginning of the navigation period and send it to Stalingrad.

Metal Supply

(18) NKRF-Osetrovo in Irkutsk Oblast' will receive from West Siberian Trade 3000 meters of steel rope of 19 and 22 mm. diameter, as well as 5 tons of ships' cable.

Chemical Supply

(19) The factory in Balakhinsk of the Dubitel Trust must ship sulphite lye to NKRF-Barnaul, by 20 March 0.55 ton and by 15 May 0.5 ton.

(20) NKRF-Blagoveshchensk will receive 0.03 ton of sulphuric acid and 0.1 ton of battery acid in the first quarter from the Chief Directorate for Chemical Sales in Khabarovsk.

(21) NKRF-Omsk will receive 3983 cbm. of acetylene in the first half year from Sverdlovsk Autogenous Plant No. 3.

(22) The operational office of Ili-Waterways will receive in the first quarter 1152 cbm. of acetylene from Sverdlovsk Autogenous Plant.

(23) NKRF-Gorkij sent 932 carboys of oxygen in February.

(24) NKRF-Barnaul will receive from Varkovsk Starch Trust in Murom 0.4 ton of dextrin by 20 March and 0.2 ton by 15 April.

Coal Supply

In March the following will be received:

(25) Ship Repair Yard of Lower Amur Steamship Agency in Khabarovsk 50 tons coke.

(26) Branch Supply Office of NKRF in Khabarovsk, 36 tons coke.

(27) Ship Repair Yard Lenin of Upper Amur Steamship Agency in Blagoveshchensk 14 tons, coke.

(This concerns Suchan coke. Suchan is situated near Vladivostok).

Oil Supply

(28) NKRF-Pravdinsk (near Gorkij) will receive 50 tons of oil in March.

Transport Situation

(29) On 1 March 1943 the following transport arrears were identified:

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Rybinsk	Oats	2102 tons
	Trawl nets	13
	Miscellaneous	217
	Total	2332 tons
Yaroslavl	Hay	9 tons
	Cotton	8
	Bread grains	1371
	Total	1388 tons
Gorkij	Wood	2637 tons
	Bread grains	599
	Metals	884
	Chemicals	467
	Metal goods	327
	Raw leather	235
	Cotton	77
	Paper	93
	Spinning materials	62
	Equipment & accessories	172
	Miscellaneous	730
	Special materials	125
Total	6408 tons	
Kazan	Iron	381 tons
	Ore	278 tons
	Brick	180
	Miscellaneous	103
	Total	942 tons
Arkchino (not located)	Oats	178 tons

Miscellaneous

(30) The Division for Health Service refused to pay for a doctor in the Astrakhan Meat Sales. The Meat Sales asks permission to employ a doctor with a monthly salary of 600 rubles.